

# BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN MARYLAND



## SAINT GREGORY OF NYSSA

### Byzantine Catholic Church - Washington community

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## PATRONAGE MISSIONARY CHURCH IN HAGERSTOWN AND ABINGDON

### St. Francis Chapel

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**Next Liturgy: Sunday**

June 19th at 3pm

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**Next Liturgy: Saturday**

June 18th, at 10am

**CONFESSION:** Fr. Serhii is available 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

**Let Us Remember in Prayer:** The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon restored to their land.

Those who are ill or convalescing: Christine Szewczyk, Ken Demianchik, Michael Fitzgibbon, Suzanne Krofchik, Mary Jane Bodner, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Robert P. Pipta, Christine Pipta Svitana, Ann Dardzinski, Doreen Dardzinski, David Chekan, Anna Rae Brabston, Keith Hay, Walter Krofchik, Sylvia Rusnock, Nickolette Dobrovoczky, Irene Simi, John Cahill, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Sandra Suseck, and especially those who are afflicted with Covid-19.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.

Please let Fr. Serhii or Fr. Deacon Bill know if there are names to be added or taken away from this list.

### St. Gregory Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2442387>) June 5

Offertory: \$1953.00

Ascension: \$5.00

SS Peter & Paul: \$50.00

Peter's Pence: \$20.00

Catholic Charities: \$20.00

### Patronage Church:

Stewardship: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>) June 5

Offertory: \$1613.00

SS Peter & Paul: \$50.00

### Hagerstown Mission:

Stewardship: June 4

Offertory: \$295.00

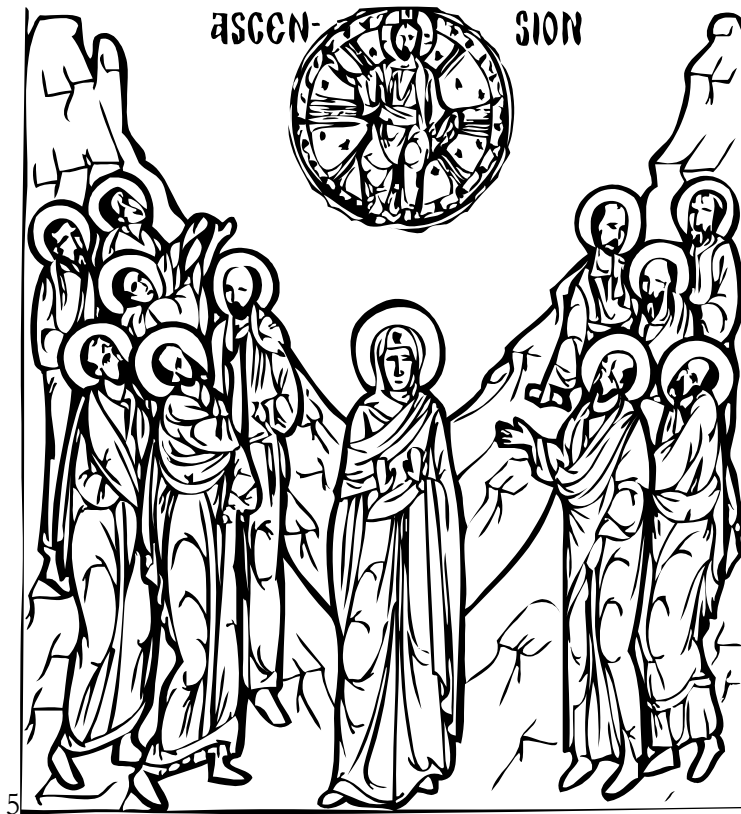
**St. Gregory Lector Signup:** A signup sheet for lectors for Sunday's Divine Liturgies is on the table in the back of the hall. Please consider signing up for this important service. If you have never chanted the Epistle, the cantors will be happy to work with you to make you feel comfortable.

**Welcome to Our Parish:** We welcome all new visitors to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send an email to us at [frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net](mailto:frsergij@stgregoryofnyssa.net) or [frserhiipatronagechurch@gmail.com](mailto:frserhiipatronagechurch@gmail.com). *My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.* (Isaiah 56:7)

*With unity of faith, let us celebrate a solemn feast of all those who from the ages have found grace before God. Let us remember all the Saints: the Patriarchs, Prophets, and Apostles of Christ, the Martyrs, and the Ascetics of all ages; they intercede unceasingly for the peace of the world and for the salvation of our souls. Litija Sitchera – All Saints Vespers*

our lives to bless, to save, to open the way to heaven through us, especially to those who are still wandering, who are still in danger.

Dear believers! The call addressed to us by all the saints is echoed by the words of St. John Chrysostom: "Do not praise us, do not sing praises to us, but be like us." St. John says here that we sing praises in vain, we sing the glory of the saints in vain, if we do not try to be Christians like them in all our lives, minds and hearts. That is why today we try to be apostles of the Divine saving love and His mercy.



Schedule of Divine Services:

**SAINT GREGORY CHURCH**

SUNDAY, Jun. 12, 2022

**Sunday of All Saints**  
**Our Venerable Father Onuphry the Great**  
**Our Venerable Father Peter of Mt. Athos**  
11:00 AM *Hymns from Matins*  
11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy*

WEDNESDAY, Jun. 15, 2022

**The Holy Prophet Amos**  
**The Venerable Jerome, Priest of Stridon**  
9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy followed by recitation of the Holy Rosary*

SUNDAY, Jun. 19, 2022

**Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
**The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord**  
8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*  
9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy for our living and deceased fathers*

**PATRONAGE CHURCH**

SUNDAY, Jun. 12, 2022

**Sunday of All Saints**  
**Our Venerable Father Onuphry the Great**  
**Our Venerable Father Peter of Mt. Athos**  
8:45 AM *Hymns from Matins*  
9:00 AM *Divine Liturgy in memory of +Pauline M. Keane as requested by Kevin and Lillian Keane*

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**The Holy Apostle Jude, Brother of the Lord**  
11:00 AM *Hymns from Matins*  
11:15 AM *Divine Liturgy for our living and deceased fathers*  
1:00 PM *Baptism of Elliot Isaiah, child of Claudia and Greg Hrinda*

Propers begin on 211

**Sunday of All Saints:** Today we close the *Pentecostarion*, the book that contains the propers for all the days since Pascha with the *Feast of All Saints*. Originally, this feast was a commemoration of those who witnessed (*martyr* in Greek) to the faith by the shedding of their blood, but was later extended to all those who also witness by their faithful living of the Gospel in their daily lives. While we celebrate saints throughout the year, on this day we especially remember the countless many others who have no day set aside for them. It is appropriate that we celebrate this on the first Sunday after Pentecost because it is only through life in the Holy Spirit that one can be sanctified. We pray that one day we too might be “numbered among the saints.”

**Apostles’ Fast:** This evening marks the beginning of the *Apostles’ Fast* which runs through June 28, the vigil of the feast of the *Pre-eminent Apostles Peter & Paul*. Unlike the other fast periods, the Apostles’ Fast does not have a fixed timespan, rather it begins on the Monday after the Sunday of All Saints and ends the day before the feast. While there is no obligation to fast during this time, it is still considered a penitential period in the Metropolia of Pittsburgh.

**Father’s Day Remembrance:** On Father’s Day, June 19, we will remember our fathers both living and deceased during the liturgy. A form to list the names of those you wish to remember is available. This is your last day to submit names.

**Collection for The Children’s Home:** Patronage Church will again be collecting items for The Children’s Home in Catonsville, a residential care facility that provides both long- and short-term services to youth 13 to 21 years of age. They are in need of new or gently used sports equipment for middle and high school students, new ear buds, new adult size swim suits, new art canvas - any size, and gently used MP3 players. Donations can be dropped off in the back room of Patronage Church, marked “The Children’s Home.” Donations will be accepted through July 3.

**The Orientale Lumen XXVI Conference** will be held as a "virtual" conference in June 2022 on the theme of *Nicaea and the Date of Pascha/Easter*. Speakers will pre-record their lectures for viewing on YouTube in early June, and two 2-hour live, interactive panel discussions will be held on Wednesday, June 22 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm EDT, and on Thursday, June 23 from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon EDT via Zoom video conference. There will also be archive lectures with other background video material.

Instead of the usual conference fee, the Orientale Lumen Foundation is asking that each participant make a minimum contribution of \$50. All contributions will be sent to the Eparchy of Mukachevo in Transcarpathia, Ukraine to help with relief efforts there. All registrations must be completed by June 20. To register visit <https://olfoundation.net/conferences/ol-xxvi/>.

**Patronage Potluck:** Unfortunately, due to a scheduling conflict we will have to cancel our potluck that was scheduled for Father’s Day. We will have the next one in the fall. Kielbasa and pirohi will be available for sale throughout the summer.

## Sunday of All Saints

Dear brothers and sisters!

The veneration of saints dates back to the time of the first Christians. The example of martyrs in the first centuries gave impetus to their veneration. Death for the faith of Christ testified to the devoted love of Jesus Christ. “It is my commandment that you love one another as I have loved you! No one is able to love more than when he lays down his life for his friends” (Jn 15:12-13). The first example of perfect love was shown by Archdeacon Stephen, a martyr for the faith of Christ. "And they stoned Stephen, who cried, saying, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' And he fell on his knees, and cried with a loud voice, 'Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep.” (Acts 7: 59,60).

Each day of the church year is dedicated to a saint or group of saints. But there are many saints that no one knows or guesses about. In God's Providence, their names are recorded in the Book of Life. Therefore, in order to pay their respects, the Church has dedicated a day to honor all Saints who are not included in the annual cycle of the church calendar.

In our Eastern rite, All Saints' Day falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, which is of great symbolic significance. We know that the history of Christ's Church begins with the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. The apostles, full of the Holy Spirit, came out into the world to carry the Good News to all nations. The fruit of their preaching is the righteous life of many converts. “And fear fell upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. All believers were in a group and had everything in common. They sold their estates and wealth and distributed them to everyone as they needed. Every day they were unanimously in the temple, breaking bread from house to house and eating food with joy and simplicity of heart; praised God and rejoiced in the Love of all people. But the Lord added daily to the church those who were saved.” (Acts 2: 43-47).

In the prayerbook we have a list of prophets, apostles, saints, monks, martyrs, holy martyrs and miracle workers, and many, many other saints. As the Apostle Paul says in one of his epistles: “A cloud of witnesses that it is worth living with God, that it is worth belonging to Him, that it is worth being united with Him, because we are all His children.” We may look very limited, but we need to remember that we are created in God's image and likeness. The Lord wants to see us in the light of His love, in the light of His happiness, His joy. St. Augustine said, "God became man so that man may become like Him". God made His Church in our hearts. He came into